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United States Patent Application
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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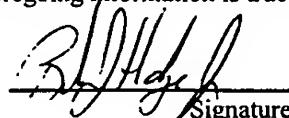
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WHEREAS, I, James P. Gardner, Jr., residing at 12426 Ravine Circle, Stillwater, Minnesota 55082, made certain new and useful inventions and improvements for which I filed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on October 28, 1999, application Serial No. 09/428,841, which is entitled **DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR MANAGING CHEMICAL PRODUCT USAGE**.

AND WHEREAS, Ecolab Inc., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, and having an office and place of business at Ecolab Center, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 (hereinafter "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions, improvements and application and in and to the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

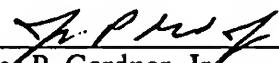
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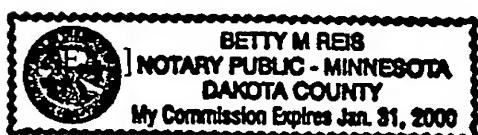
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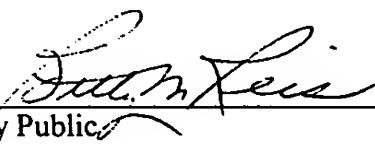
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15 day of December, 1999.


James P. Gardner, Jr.

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On this 15 day of December, 1999, before me personally appeared James P. Gardner, Jr., to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.




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